

Remarks

By this Amendment, claims 2-11, 13 and 14 are pending.

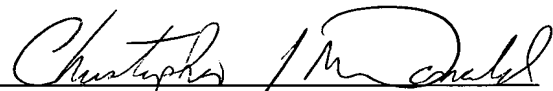
The Examiner rejected claim 1 as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner questioned the relationship between the crown for watches, the crown body having a first part and a second part, and the element providing an anchoring function for the second part. As disclosed in the specification, the crown is made of the crown body and winding stem and the crown body has a first outer part and a second inner part.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 8-11 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,200,020 (Rieben). Claim 12 was rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,092,879 (Hernandez) and claim 6 was rejected as obvious over Rieben in view of U.S. Patent 4,062,179 (Koike). Claim 7 was objected to as containable allowable subject matter. By this amendment claims 1 and 12 are cancelled and new claim 13 is added. In addition, claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form as claim 14.

Rieben discloses a crown having an outer crown body 63 and inner crown body 62 and winding tube 12. Rieben does not disclose first and second coupling sections disengaged by axial displacement of the crown body on the guide section. Also, Rieben does not disclose a second crown body inserted into a recess on the first crown body part facing away from the tube. Both of these limitations are in claim 13 and are allowable over the prior art.

A one month extension of time accompanies this response. If any additional fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

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